THE COMMON MEZEREON.

NAMES.

A.

G. Χαμελαια.

L. Mezeteon.

I. *Chamelea.*

G. Kellerhals.

F. Bois gentil.

S.

D. Pijfvinger-kruyd.

PARTS USED.

The Root, Bark, Leaves & Berries.

PREPARATIONS.

None.

PLACE

The Mountainous Parts in Germany, about Geneva. with us in Gardens.

TIME.

It Blossoms in Feburary & March. There are White ones.

DESCRIPTION.

This is a small Tree, whose Roots run deep, the Wood is Tough, the Bark is rugged, of a dirty Grey; The Young Leaves 1, are of a Yellowish light green, when at Maturity 2, having few Veins are smooth and of a deep green inclining something more to blue than Yellow: whitish on the back 3, having a large middle Rib. The Bud 4, which Encloses the Flower, is composed of four or five Scales, green tipd with purple, both dull Colours. The Flowers 5, are a Rich Purple, being one Leaf cut into four parts; on the Top of a Tube 6, in which eight Chives grow fixd to the sides 7, with Summits, four in Sight, & four below them. The farina 8, is Yellow: Globuler & appears to be hollow. The Style 9, looks Spungy, on the top of a pale Green seed Vessell 10, which becomes a deep, Scarlet, Shining Berry 11, Containing a Juicy Flesh 12, and a white Kernel in a thin light brown Shining Shell.

VIRTUES.

This has been used as a Purge to help Dropsys and Asthmas. now Seldom Used.

T. Sheldrake delin. *C. B. Hemerich Sculp.*